MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : Will the member give an instance ?

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : For example, take the Pujapurai road. Is it so very important as the road to Petta ?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : That is a matter of opinion.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI Has the attention of the Electrical Engineer been drawn to the necessity for putting up lights in some of the important roads in Petta and Pattom?

Mr. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : This question is now under discussion with the municipality.

Contribution for maintenance of half-night electric lights.

51. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Electrical Department has claimed from the Trivandrum Municipality Rs. 25 annually for the maintenance of every half-night additional electric light to be put up in the town ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the Municipality of Trichinopoly is supplying electric lights of 40 watts for Re. 1-10-0 monthly for every full-night light ?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. But the charge of Rs. 1-10-0 per month does not include the cost of maintenance of the lamps *i. e.*, renewals of bulbs, etc.

Difficulties of traders due to the limited currency of the Sirkar Coins.

52. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the inconvenience experienced by the trading community on account of the fact that Travancore coins are not accepted for more than two rupees in the Banks in the State, and, if so, whether they would make arrangements for removing this difficulty ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : No complaint has been received by Government from the trading community regarding the refusal of the Banks in the State to accept Travancore coins.

In view of the answer to the first part of the question, the second part does not arise.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI : May I know from the member whether there was not a representation from the member representing the trading classes of Trivandrum in the last session of the Assembly, regarding this ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI : Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI : May I know from the member what action the Government have taken on that representation ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI : There is no complaint at present. The Treasuries are freely exchanging copper and silver coins.

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